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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION USDOC INFO SECSTATE FROM MONROVIA

DATED MAY 31, 1974 REPEATED TO YOU

QUOTE

UNCLAS MONROVIA 3137

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: NEW AIRLINE FORMED: MAY BUY US JETS

REF: MONROVIA 3082

1. EMBOFFS SPOKE WITH KYKAL ON MAY 30 RE NEW LIBERIA GLOBE AIR CORP. (LGAC). ACCORDING HYKAL, HE INTENDS OPERATE LGAC AS SCHEDULED AIR FREIGHT SERVICE TAKE ADVANTAGE LIBERIA'S RECIPROCAL RIGHTS MANY COUNTRIES AND PRESUMABLY EASIER FUEL OBTENTION. HYKAL ALSO SAID LANDING RIGHTS OBTAINED FOR SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, FRANCE WITH APPROVAL FOR WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND ARGENTINA EXPECTED SHORTLY. WILL APPLY TO USG FOR RIGHTS LAND IN US. SCHEDULING AND BOOKINGS WILL BE THROUGH LGAC OFFICE BE ESTABLISHED IN BEIRUT. CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE IN MONROVIA. UTA HAS AGREED COOPERATE HYKAL SAID. PILOTS FOR LGAC ARE BEING HIRED FROM MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES. THEIR FAMILIARITY BOEING AIRCRAFT GIVES THAT FIRM EDGE IN EQUIPMENT PURCHASE. HYKAL HAS INVESTIGATED

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SERVICING FOR PLANES IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND IS FAMILIAR WITH

EXIM BANK FINANCING. HE HOPES HAVE ONE AIRCRAFT IN OPERATION BEFORE END CURRENT YEAR AND REAFFIRMED CONTACTS MADE WITH BOEING AND MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS.

2. WHETHER THIS PROPOSAL WILL EVER MATERIALIZE STILL HARD PIN DOWN BUT EMBOFFS IMPRESSED WITH THROUGHNESS WITH WHICH HYKAL HAS APPROACHED PROJECT. ONE PROBLEM FACING LIBERIA IS SHORTAGE OF APPROPRIATE AIR CARGO FOR EXPORT. AT PRESENT SHRIMP SEEM ONLY POSSIBILITY. HYKAL CLAIMS NO PROBLEM INCOMING FLIGHTS SINCE LOCAL SUPERMARKET OPERATORS (ALSO LEBANESE) HAVE ASSURED ENOUGH VOLUME ONE WEEKLY FLIGHT FROM US OR EUROPE.

3. HYKAL ADDRESS IN LEBANON IS: ELI J. HYKAL, HYKAL CENTER GRAHAM STATION, PO BOX 6240, BEIRUT, TEL. 341140.

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